TRIANGLE AREA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RECLASSIFICATION OF US 1 IN MOORE COUNTY ON THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC HIGHWAY CORRIDOR VISION PLAN

WHEREAS, the citizens and elected officials of Moore County have stated their opposition to a freeway being constructed on the US 1 corridor in Moore County, as is currently shown in NCDOT's Strategic Highway Corridor Vision Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Moore County Board of Commissioners, Town of Aberdeen Board of Commissioners, Town of Pinebluff Board of Commissioners, Village of Pineburst Village Council, and Town of Southern Pines Town Council have all passed resolutions requesting that the facility type classification on US 1 in the Strategic Highway Corridor Vision Plan be changed to reflect the facility types that are currently on the ground in Moore County; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a freeway on the current alignment of US 1 through Southern Pines, Aberdeen, and Pinebluff would divide these communities, create a physical and visual barrier between neighborhoods, and limit access to businesses in and near the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a freeway on a new alignment passing through the area defined as "Horse Country" is deemed unacceptable by the local governments in Moore County, which position is supported by public input received at a series of charrettes held in November 2011,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee of the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation re-designate the facility types shown on the Strategic Highway Corridor Vision Plan for US 1 as follows, reflecting the current on-ground conditions: "Thoroughfare" from the Richmond County Line to the beginning of the current four-lane section north of the county line; "Expressway" from the end of the previous segment to Boston Avenue in Pinebluff; "Expressway" from the end of the previous segment to Charles Avenue in Pinebluff; "Expressway" from the end of the previous segment to Roseland Road in Aberdeen; "Thoroughfare" from the end of the previous segment to just south of US 15-501 in Aberdeen (southern intersection); "Boulevard" from the end of the previous segment to NC 5 in Aberdeen; "Thoroughfare" from the end of the previous segment to Old US 1 in Southern Pines; and "Expressway" from the end of the previous segment to the Lee County Line.

ADQPTED, this the 16th day of February, 2012.

Randolph Voller, Chair

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Attest: Matthew Day

Triangle Area RPO Secretary